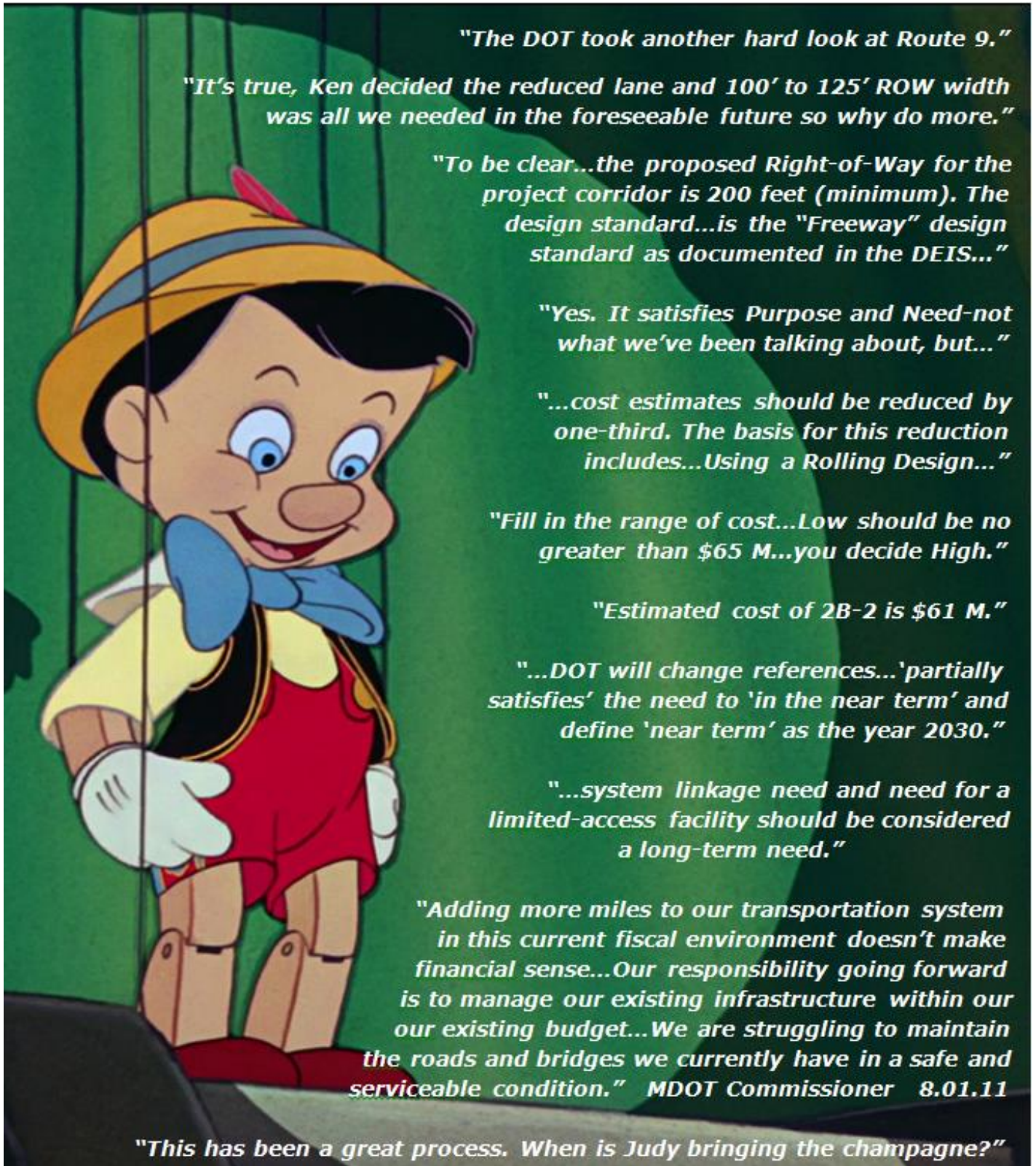


## ***I-395/Route 9 Transportation Study in MaineDOT's own words:***



*"The DOT took another hard look at Route 9."*

*"It's true, Ken decided the reduced lane and 100' to 125' ROW width was all we needed in the foreseeable future so why do more."*

*"To be clear...the proposed Right-of-Way for the project corridor is 200 feet (minimum). The design standard...is the "Freeway" design standard as documented in the DEIS..."*

*"Yes. It satisfies Purpose and Need-not what we've been talking about, but..."*

*"...cost estimates should be reduced by one-third. The basis for this reduction includes...Using a Rolling Design..."*

*"Fill in the range of cost...Low should be no greater than \$65 M...you decide High."*

*"Estimated cost of 2B-2 is \$61 M."*

*"...DOT will change references...'partially satisfies' the need to 'in the near term' and define 'near term' as the year 2030."*

*"...system linkage need and need for a limited-access facility should be considered a long-term need."*

*"Adding more miles to our transportation system in this current fiscal environment doesn't make financial sense...Our responsibility going forward is to manage our existing infrastructure within our our existing budget...We are struggling to maintain the roads and bridges we currently have in a safe and serviceable condition." MDOT Commissioner 8.01.11*

*"This has been a great process. When is Judy bringing the champagne?"*